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The City Primary.

The Democrats of Richmond will hold
a primary to-day to nominate candidates
for office, to be voted for in the regular
State election, to be held in November.
Many important offices are to be filled,
and as we are to have a separate pri-
mary, our affairs will not be entangled
in the State primary, to follow. It will
be purely a local contest, and no outside
questions should be dragged in. Let us
for the time forget that candidates for
Governor, United States senator and
other offices are to be chosen later on.
The State primary will take care of
them. Our business to-day is to choose
our local candidates, and it is the pa-
triotic duty of every Democratic voter
to cast his ballot for the man who, in
his opinion, is best qualified to discharge
the duties of the position. The right to
vote, as we have been trying to impress
upon our readers, is a sacred trust and
a thing not to be trifled with. The man
who sells his vote is a base traitor, and
should forever be disfranchised. That
goes without saying. But a man also
commits a wrong if he gives his vote to
an unworthy candidate, when there is a
better candidate running, as a matter
of favoritism, because he happens to like
inferior candidate, or because the
candidate "needs the office." He has no
moral right to use his ballot to bestow
favors. His first duty is to his govern-
ment and to society, and he should use
his ballot to promote the welfare of
both.

That is taking high ground, but does
not every patriotic man want to take
high ground? The Virginia voter is sup-
posed to be the highest type of the
American citizen, and in casting his vote
he should live up to his reputation. You
may help your friend in other ways, and
should do so; but you should not help him
at the expense of your government.
You should not employ a privilege which
the government has given you to the
injury of the government's service. There
are good men running for office to-day.
When you go into the booth, study the
list of names carefully. Then choose
as your candidates the men who, in your
judgment, are best fitted for the several
positions and vote for them. If, in spite
of this, inferior men are chosen, it will
not be your fault. You will have done
your duty as a good citizen. Vote for the
best, and let the results take care of
themselves.

Germany's Triumph.

The little game of diplomacy which
Germany, France and Great Britain are
now playing has a broader significance
than the so-called Moroccan question.
The Moroccan question is summed up in
the following paragraph:

"The empire having fallen into interlo-
pably evil ways, France, having by far
the largest interests therein, proposed
to exert her influence at the Sherifian
court for reform. Great Britain and
Spain, the powers next concerned, cor-
dially approved this course, and Morocco
assented. Germany alone objected, and
her Emperor himself journeyed to Moroc-
co to make his objection effective. The
Sultan of Morocco was thus persuaded
by Germany to withdraw his assent to
the establishment of French influence,
and to request that Germany's sugges-
tion, a conference of all the great
powers upon the matter. To this France
naturally demurs, and Great Britain
understood to support France in disap-
proving the plan of a conference and in
holding to the original proposal. There-
upon, Germany suggested that the
powers cannot agree upon a conference,
her own influence be made paramount in
Morocco instead of France's."

But that is not the whole question by
any manner of means, so far as Germany
is concerned. With the downfall of
Russia, Germany naturally aspires to be
the dominant Power on the Continent
of Europe, and the Kaiser looks with
suspicion and disfavor upon the friendly
relationship between Great Britain and
France. Therefore, when it was announce-
ed the other day in terms so emphatic
as to have the favor of belligerence that
Great Britain was supporting France in
her determination not to participate in
the proposed international conference,
Germany wanted to know what the
meaning of it was, and reports go to

show that replies have been favorable
to the Kaiser. The Kaiser had taken
the position that the conference should
be held, and, although he now says that
the details shall be adjusted later, he
insists that France shall accept in prin-
ciple the plan of such a conference.
France is evidently considering the pro-
posals more favorably, and it is further
announced that the British declaration
to participate in the conference was en-
tirely free from the belligerent tone as-
cribed to it.

The milk in the coconut is in the
statement sent out from Berlin that
"German diplomacy has inserted a wedge
between France and Great Britain and
destroyed the growing friendship be-
tween them by putting France in such
a position that she made demands on
this friendship which Great Britain
would not meet."

There may be interesting developments
to follow, but upon the face of it as it
appears now that incident is practically
closed. All danger of war between
France and Germany is past. In the
meantime, John Bull looks sulky; France
looks chagrined; the Kaiser wears a
smile of triumph.

An Evil and the Remedy.

If there ever was a doubt that the
Democratic voters of Virginia wanted the
primary, it has been removed. Every
skeptic must now admit that the primary
is popular in Virginia. We feel sure that
thousands of voters, who would not other-
wise have done so, have paid their poll
tax in advance in order that they may
participate in the primary. All men who
have a trace of sporting blood in their
veins love a contest. It has been a
long time since there was any real fight
between political parties in Virginia. The
Democratic party has been having a
walk-over in the general election, and the
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dates. This year there is a spirited
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But while the voters will have the privi-
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mary, and the assessment is a burden-
some tax upon most of them. In addition
to the assessment, each candidate must
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expense of his canvass, and if any candi-
date for Governor or senator gets off
with half a year's salary for the office
for which he is running, he will be lucky.
This will be hard enough upon the suc-
cessful candidate; it will be an exorbitant
price to the others for the privilege
of running in the Democratic primary,
and unless something be done hereafter
to relieve the situation, the Virginia pri-
mary plan will be a failure. Either the
race will be between men of means only,
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with others it would open splendid op-
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Judge Berryman Green.

We are distressed to hear of the death
of Judge Berryman Green, of Danville.
He was one of the ablest lawyers in
Virginia, and he performed a most valu-
able service to the State as a member
of the Constitutional Convention. Judge
Green was a good Democrat, but he
was first of all a patriotic citizen and
was always true to the duties of citi-
zenship. He was greatly beloved in his
native city of Danville and admired and
respected throughout the entire State.
As Confederate soldier, as a servant of
the State in many positions of trust,
as citizen and as the head of an honor-
able family, he was true and faithful.

and the record of his life is his best
epitaph.

With new honors and fresh glory come
additional responsibilities. The French,
German and English papers, while praising
President Roosevelt to the skies for
his success in trapping the dove of peace
for Russia and Japan, are pointing out
the fact that the sudden prominence of
the United States in diplomacy will lay
certain burdens on the shoulders of our
government that will be new to us. Some
of these papers assert that America will
be brought more and more into interna-
tional diplomatic struggles because of
her increasing weight, both relative and
actual, in population, wealth and mili-
tary strength, and that she will make
her moral influence sought by every other
power. They speak of the importance
of Washington as a diplomatic center
and say that this importance must in-
crease with the growth of American
naval strength and with the interest the
United States takes in its relations with
other powers. All right. This country
will be able to "measure up" to the
full responsibility that may fall to her
in her new capacity as a peace maker.

The Northwestern University, located
at Evanston, Illinois, just north of Chi-
cago, is a Methodist institution of the
saintly kind and has, working along with
it somewhat on the Siamese twins or-
der, the Garrett Biblical Institute, the
business of which is to make as many
preachers as possible out of the young
men who pass through the university.
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Brief Items From Everywhere.

Great Navy for Italy.

ROME, June 19.—The most important
discussion of the year has taken place
in the Chamber of Deputies on the esti-
mate of the Department of the Navy and
Marine, in which Admiral Mirabello
asks for an increase of 280,000,000 (\$56,000,-
000) to be devoted to the construction of
a fleet of battleships, cruisers and sub-
marines, and for the defense of the coast,
especially at Genoa, Venice, Ancona and
Bari.

Up Jungfrau By Electricity.

ZURICH, SWITZERLAND, June 19.—
The highest tunnel in the world has just
been completed. It is at an altitude of
over 13,000 feet, near the top of the fa-
mous Jungfrau Mountain. It is expected
that the electric railway line to the mount-
ain top will be in operation within a few
days.

For more than seven miles the road
has been cut inside the mountain, with
tunnels at intervals, from which trav-
elers will be able to walk through the
mountain and obtain a sight of the most
magnificent views in the world.

Wanted Husband's Body.

NEW YORK, June 19.—Mrs. Josephine
Noble, who was recently acquitted by a
jury of the charge of murdering her
husband, started the police of the Fourth
Street Station, Long Island City, at 4
o'clock yesterday morning by walking into
the station house in night attire and de-
manding her husband's body.

Sergeant Miller did what he could to
calm the woman. She walked up and
down the room, wringing her hands and
imploping him to let her see the body.
She finally gave up the quest and re-
turned.

Children Found in Woods.

HALIFAX, N. S., June 19.—Bound and
gagged, the body of May Ward, six years
old, was found in the woods in a mile
from Digby. A quarter of a mile
away was Elmer Young, eighteen months
old. The children are said to be cousins
and had been missing since 5 o'clock P. day
afternoon.

Mrs. Mary Young, who is the mother
of the baby and aunt of the child, has
been arrested, after she was saved from
a mob that threatened to kill her.
Mrs. Young insists that she is innocent
of any crime, and states that she believes
the children were taken from her by a
child and tried to kill both.

New York to Chicago in 14 Hours.

CLEVELAND, OHIO, June 19.—One of
the most remarkable railroad runs on
record was finished here last night when
the new eastbound Twentieth Century
train of the Lake Shore and New York
Central road arrived in this city twenty-one minutes ahead of time.

J. P. Daly, passenger traffic manager of
the road, who was in charge of the train,
said the train demonstrated the ability of
the limited trains to cover the distance
between New York and Chicago in four
teen hours flat.

150 Slain By Pirates.

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL., June 19.—De-
tails of a terrible massacre by pirates of
150 natives of the Siberian coast have
been received in a letter from Petropav-
lovsk, on the coast of Kamchatka.

Details of the massacre of the natives
of 150 of the inhabitants, shot and cut to
pieces by the pirates, who, under the
pretense of friendship, had lured them
to the coast. Robbery was their
motive, for every hut had been ransacked,
and everything of marketable value had
been taken.

Chinese Civil War?

PHILADELPHIA, PA., June 19.—In an-
ticipation of civil war at home, Chinamen
in all parts of the world are engaged in
a race to the sea. The American standard of
efficiency has been adopted, and the men
are being trained in the use of the
United States army. This world-
wide movement is being financed by the
"Chinese Improvement Association."

Aged 86; Wants Divorce.

NEW YORK, June 19.—Alois Suss, who
has attained the age of eighty-six years,
and who has been married for thirty years,
has sued for divorce in the Supreme
Court, Brooklyn. He has amassed a
competence and has insured his life. He
takes care to explain that his

Wife is getting entirely too man-
ish in some parts of the country. There
are now no less than six widows in
United States who are under sentence
of death for the murder of their hus-
bands.

While attending to the Russian-Jap
matter, the dove of peace might do a
stunt for the zemsky sobor and some of
those other things that are giving Rus-
sia such a taste of war at home.

The Barkdale bill that was to obviate
the spending of money in political cam-
paigns never foresaw the present cost-
liness of running for nominations.

Russia already owes France two bil-
lions of dollars, and where she is going
to get another two billions to settle with
Japan is hard to tell.

It is all well enough to talk about
capital and labor getting together, but
when they do it in Chicago a fight in-
variably follows.

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Body of John Paul.

NEW YORK, June 19.—To bring to this
country the body of John Paul Jones,
Rear-Admiral Sigbee's squadron, consist-
ing of the armored cruiser Brooklyn and
the cruisers Chattanooga, Patma and
Galveston, put out from Tampa navies
yesterday afternoon and started for Cher-
bourg, France, where the market contain-
ing the body of the distinguished officer
will be received on board.

The Brooklyn, the flagship of the squad-
ron, has been designated to receive the
body, and for this purpose a massive ma-
hogany catafalque has been fitted to the
main deck and draped with a fine silk
flag given by the Daughters of the
American Revolution.

Religion and Sports.

HAMBURG, June 19.—Emperor William
conducted religious services yesterday
morning aboard the imperial yacht. He
was accompanied by the Kaiser's wife,
the Crown Prince and Princess, and the
"Lord of hosts" is with us.

The Emperor called on Herr Hallin,
director-general of the Hamburg-Am-
sterdam Steamship Line, with whom he re-
mained half an hour. He took Herr Bal-
lin and Captain von Grumme to see the
Hamburg, a well-known Wall Street
banker and broker. Miss Moore's many
friends in New York and in Brooklyn,
where she formerly lived, who had
watched her successful though brief
career in comic opera with interest, will
be surprised to know that the gifted young
artist, whose "Alma-Due" in "Robbie
Knox," with the Bostonians, won for her
much praise, has given up her plans for
professional singing and is going to
money.

Miss Moore is according to the
wishes of Mr. White in giving up the pur-
suit of her art.

Boers Will Rise.

NEW YORK, June 19.—"If war comes
and Britain is embroiled, the Boers are
ready to strike for their liberty," said
General Cronje yesterday. "Germany
will see that we have the means."

Although Cronje is busy coining Ameri-
can dollars, he is watching international
events with keen interest, and in his re-
mark he voiced a hope for a European
conflict which will give the Boers their
opportunity.

Prime Retired.

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 19.—Cap-
tain E. S. Prime, lately detached from
command of the naval station at Port
Royal, S. C., has been placed on the re-
tired list of the navy with the rank of
rear admiral.

Hohenzollern Ghost.

BERLIN, June 19.—The historical white
ghost, which tradition says, always makes
his appearance in the interior castle of
Charlottenburg on the eve of some im-
portant event in the Hohenzollern family,
is reported to have been seen a few days
before the marriage of the Crown Prince.
The circumstance has been kept very
quiet, but already the Vorwarts and Sim-
plicissimus are speaking about it.

Silver for Tennessee.

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 19.—When
the battleship Tennessee shall have been
completed she will be sent by the govern-
ment to New Orleans, where she will re-
ceive a magnificent silver service from
the people of Tennessee. The silver ser-